LAWSON AMPLIFIES HIS CHARGES

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## FIGHT ON PHONE BILL RESUMED

Attorney for Chesapeake and Potomac Again Before House District Committee.

CALLS MEASURE "VICIOUS"

Asserts It Would Isolate Washington and Put System Out of Harmony.

Opposition to the Lewis bill providing for Government ownership of telephone lines in the District was get, and the Senate conferees can do telephone lines in the District what is necessary, but they won't." resumed before the House District Committee today by Attorney J. L. Swayze, representing the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

Owing to the short session of the committee, the attorney did not finish his statement, but will resume it tomorrow morning.

. Attorney Swayze devoted his remarks chiefly to the effects Govern Bell telephone system throughout the country. He said it would isolate Washington, and put the telephone system in the National Capital out of harmony with the other systems. He decried the trying of an experiment in so important a city as Washing

Calls Proposal Vicious.

He characterized the proposal in the Lewis bill as "vicious," and "the entering wedge for general Government ownership of telephone lines." In beginning his remarks today the briefly reviewed his state-

ment on Friday. Congressman Lloyd asked the têle-phone company's representative if he knew anything of the St. Louis telephone company. The attorney replied that this was one of the largest independent companies in the United

States.

When Attorney Swayze said many small companies had been brought by the Bell company, Congressman Rags dale asked:

Owners Made Advances.

"Wouldn't you rathen may these companies were sold to the Bell Com-"Yes," the attorney replied, "for

the owners of the small companies got into financial difficulties and made offers to sell, which we accepted."
Answering the statement made last

week that the Bell company had changed a 5-cent rate in Lancaster county, Pa., to 15 cents, Attorney dwayze said this had to be done to make a non-discriminatory rate for all residents of the section. He said the charge had to be basel on mileage (Continued on Fourth Page.)

## BRINKLER NOT GUILTY

Freed of Charge of Using Mails to Defraud With Diet Cure.

After being out more than twenty hours, the jury in the case of George H. Brinkler, charged with using the mails to defraud in connection with a diet system of cure, brought in a vertict shortly before 1 o'clock this

afternoon of not guilty.

Brinkler was charged with advertising through the United States nails a system of diet by which he laimed he could cure numerous ills. The postoffice authorities alleged that this been on trial for more than four

The case involved the question of whether or not the school of so-called disticians is to be permitted to use the mails as a means of promoting patronage.

Attorney Henry F. Davis appeared for Brinkler, while Assistant District Attorneys Archer and Laws prose

## 15 CAPITAL MEN FOR ARMY

President Sends Nominations for Lieutenancies to Senate.

The nominations of fifteen young second lieutenants in the cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery, and infantry branches of the United States army were sent to the Sanate this

afternoon by the President. They are: Cavalry-Arthur Dale Conner, James Randlett Finley, and Thomas Abner Dobyns, jr. Field Artillery-Henry Burr Parker. Coast Artillery-Edward Aloysius Murphy. Infantry-Raymond Duffield Bell Robert Chauncey Macon, George Lefter Kraft, Francis Artaud Byrne, Alfred Dorr Hayden, Melville Wes-ten Fuller Wallace, Kirk Alexander Metzerott, Robert Byron Moore, and Beverly Grayson Chew.

## MGR. GERLACH SUPPLANTED

Vatican Aide Suspected of Esplonage Departs From Rome.

ROME (via London), Jan. 16 .- The Pope has appointed his private sec retary, Mgr. Migone, master of the pontifical wardrobe, a post held until recently by the German private cham-berlain, Mgr. Gerlach. This appointment is official confirmation of the report of Mgr. Gerlach's departure from Rome as a result of the espion age scandal in which he was implica-

The Italian authorities probably will drop their judicial investigation, since with the departure of Mgr. Gerlach precautions have been taken to military news from being transmitted to Switzerland by means of the Vatican diplomatic mail bag. The risk of espioinage through Vatican diplomatic channels is now be Heved to be obviated.

#### COMPULSORY R. R. PROBES ASSURED

Senators on Interstate Commerce Committee Not Agreed on Strike Right. Though.

Compulsory investigation of disputes between railways and their employes by Government bodies, was assured today, when members of the Senate Interstate Commerce Commit tee agreed on this feature of the President's railway program, but did not at this time discuss the right of employes to strike pending this inves-

Chairman Adamson of the House Interstate Commerce Committee, to-day told President Wilson his railroad program will pass the House. this

The real difficulty, Adamson be lieves, lies in the Senate.

Adamson also reported a deadlock on the general dam bill, passed by oth houses, and now in conference.
"The difficulty is that the House conferees want something they can't

## DEWEY IS WORSE, DEATH EXPECTED

ment ownership would have on the Physicians Abandon Hope for Recovery of Naval Hero Who Is Rapidly Sinking.

> Admiral George Dewey, hero of Manila Bay and ranking officer of the United States navy, is hovering between life and death at his home,

1501 K street northwest. Mrs. Dewey remained at the bedside during the night and the morning Admiral Dewey's son, George Dewey, of Chicago, was summoned hope of recovery was abandon ed. He arrived last night.

Physicians Abandon Hope.

The two attending physicians, Dr. A. M. Fauntelroy, U. S. N., and Dr. L. Sheldon, jr., U. S. N., informed the family at noon that Admiral Dewey might linger thirty-six hours or might breath his last at any minute. The last bulletin issued by the

physicians at noon said: "The admiral is worse than at the time the first statement was issued

Before this, at 8 o'clock, the physicians, after a night at their patient's bedside, issued a statement that the admiral's condition was "distinctly

Many Make Inquiry.

During the day there was a constant stream of callers at the Dewey question jocularly. residence to make inquiries as to the admiraks condition.

Bearing the card of President Wil-son a large bunch of flowers the choicest that the White House conservatory can turn out were sent to the K street residence of Admiral Dewey today. A similar bunch of roses was sent to the famous sea fighter by the President yesterday.
Mr. Wilson has asked to be ke informed of the Admiral's condition

## POWDER ON MUSTACHE

Causes Baltimore Man to Sue Former Partner for Allenation.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16,-Mair Weissman, suing his former real estate partner, Jacob Pitrushansky, for \$10,000 damages for alienating the affections of his wife, told the court that his wife was preparing to go out and put a coat of powder on her nose and cheeks

Weissman was sent upstairs for her hat, and when he came down, he said, he found a film of powder on the mustache of his business partner. There was also a place on his wife's face off. To Weissman this was sufficient evidence to assure him that there had been a powdery osculation.

## **AUSTRO-GERMAN NOTES**

Texts of Messages to Neutrals Reach State Department.

The State Department today re ceived from Ambassadors Gerard and Penfield, respectively, texts of the German and Austrian notes to neu-Washingtonians to be provisional trais, which were sent as indirect answers to the allied reply to the cen tral powers peace proposals. The text of the German note was the same as that published from Ber-

The Austrian note differs in phrase

## YALE M. A. FOR WOMEN

To Admit Them to That Degree the Graduate School.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 16 .-The Yale Corporation has ratified the ecommendation of the executive board of the graduate school to ed-mit women as candidates for the degree of master of arts. Women have heretofore been admitted at Yale to the degrees of doctor of philosophy, master of science, doctor of medicine, bachelor of music and bachelor of fine arts.

## SKATING ON THE BASIN

Colonel Harts Gives Word This

Morning.

There is skating on Tidal Basin to-Ice reached sufficient thickness this morning to permit the joyous pastime, and before noon enthusiastic skaters were skimming over the icy surface to

their hearts' content.

Cot. W. W. Harts, superintendent of buildings and grounds, tossed off the skating lid this morning about 10 o'clock, when he instructed guards. Shoemaker, was directed to send let-men at the Tidal Basin to permit ters of appreciation to Senators voting skaters on the ice.

## GRIFFMEN WAIT "LEAK" PROBERS CALL J. P. MORGAN; FULTZ'S ORDER

Four Players Fail to Sign, But Promise to Let Club Hear From Them Soon.

NAMES ARE NOT PUBLISHED

Manager Griffith Welcomes Settlement of Quarrel With Diamond Stars.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. At least four of the Griffmen are, for the immediate present, awaiting orders from Dave Fultz to sign contracts for 1917. They have written Manager Griffith to the effect that while they cannot send on their signed contracts now, he will hear from them a little later. This is the first real evidence that the Washington players are sticking to the Baseball Players' Fraternity.

David L. Fults, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, has applied to the American Federation of Laber for a charter.

Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L. who was in New York for a conference with Fultz, was unable to grant the appeal at once, but promised to bring the matter before a meeting of his executive committee the coming campaign.

Seeks Labor's Support.

With the backing of labor men all over the country. Fultz believes his fraternity will be able to bring the Until the mogula surrender, Fults

will not give permission to major league players to sign contracts for "Yes, I have heard from four of my players," admitted Mauager Griffith today. "No, they haven't signed yet, but I think they will later on."

"Who were they?" he was asked.
"Well, that wouldn't be quite fair to them," came the reply, "They didn't refuse to sign. They merely wrote that I would hear from them a little later on. I have every confidence in my players, and they know it. I'm not giving out any names to get them into trouble."

Welcomes Latest Move. Manager Griffith is inclined to welcome the appeal of the fraternity for

membering in the American Federation of Labor, although he treats the

"So they want to join the A. F. of L" he laughed today. "Well, that's good. Then they'll have to get union far smaller than they now receive."
"But let them enter the A. F. of L.," he continued. "The labor me L," he continued. "The labor men are fair. They would never support (Continued on Tenth Page.)

## SAYS WIFE ELOPED

\$1,000 and Motor Car With Her.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 16 .- Declaring that his beautiful young wife had eloped with Joseph Coleman, a prominent young fruit merchant, G. A. Layne, a wealthy produce dealer of this city, filed suit for divorce in Mrs. Layne.

Layne alleges that his wife, who is considerably younger than himseif, Art wit ha portrait of a Washington eloped with Coleman several weeks ago, taking with her \$1,000 in cash.

Mrs. Marie Danforth Page, of Bosseyeral thousand delivers several thousands dollars' worth of diamonds, and a motorcar belonging

Coleman, the man in the case, has for some time been something of a mystery to the produce commission men of this city. He had a suite of offices in the Eighteenth street prodbe plentifully supplied with money, but did very little business.

## PRESS LIVING COST PROBE

More Agents Take Field in Government Inquiry Here.

day to ascertain what the cost of living is in Washington.

Dr. Royal Meeker, head of the bu reau, said all the agents making the ology, but is similar in meaning to the German note. the best results, since most of the in the first competition of the kind information must come from house-

By the latter part of this week the entire force of twelve women will be
The highest number and the next
highest number of votes were cast from people in all walks of life as to what the necessities of life cost

## DRYS ARRANGE EXHIBIT

Evils of Intemperance to Be Por trayed on Placards.

Plans for a scientific temperance exhibit to be displayed in the neighborhood of Thirteenth and F streets northwest were discussed at a meeting of board of trustees of the Anti Saloon League of the District at the Y. M. C. A. building last night.

The exhibit will consist of placards displaying the evils of intemperance and the effects of alcohol on the human system. Literature on the subject will be distributed. The exhibit will be in charge of Miss Edith M. Wills. be continued until after March 4 The Sheppard dry bill as passed by the Senate, was unanimously indorsed

heavy attendance, and the study given Boston. The exhibit will be installed heavy attendance, and the study given within the next few days and will them by those who visited the gallery, that it is probable that the popular referendum will be an annual event, though no formal announcement of

and the executive secretary, A. E. Shoemaker, was directed to send let-Three of the four artists who paint ed the favorite pictures are from Bos- which would have denied use of the

## DENIALS BY MEN LAWSON NAMED

PAUL M. WARBURG-"I am anxious to be permitted to testify, although I have not been subpoensed. I have so informed the committee. I fail to see why my name should have been dragged into this investigation. I do not know a thing about the 'leak machinery' or about the leak for that matter, except what I have seen in

COUNT VON BERNSTORFF-The German ambassador refused today to dignify the charges of Thomas W. Lawson with a serious denial. The ambassador said: "Mr. Lawson says he doesn't believe I made the \$2,000,000 of which he speaks on the stock market. I don't believe it either."

STUART G. GIBBONEY-"I never knew a thing about the President's note until it appeared in the newspapers. I never bought or sold a share of stock in my life, and I have no connection with any of the others Mr. Lawson named. I have no connection with the Administration. The only possible cause I can conceive for my name being mentioned is because I am a friend of Mr. McAdoo, or possibly because I am counsel for the Comptroller of the Currency in national bank receiverships in New York city."

HORACE HARDING-"We have no knowledge of Mr. Lawson's information, as none of our firm knows Mr. Lawson, nor have we ever transacted any business for him. We are unable to understand why he couples our name with the leak, as we have no connection with or knowledge of it."

PLINY FISKE-"There is no truth and no basis of truth in the statements as reported to me. They appear to be the product of a disordered brain."

ARCHIBALD WHITE-"All I have to say is that I never made the statement credited to me, and I know nothing whatever about the

MALCOLM McADOO-"I don't know Lawson. I never saw him. I am not connected with the leak in any way. I have no connection with the Administration, and I have no influence with it. I am a brother of the Secretary of the Treasury, and have been his brother for fifty-one and one-half years, but I am not entitled to criticism on that account."

WILLIAM G. McADOO-"No man should be called upon to notice such detestable and irresponsible gossip and slander, but since my name has been mentioned I wish to say that no more shameless and wanton lie could be conceived than the rumor or suggestion that I have been interested at any time, in any manner whatever, in stock speculation or purchases of stock in New York or elsewhere or that I have been connected in any manner whatever with the alleged 'leak' about the so-called peace note,

P. MORGAN-At the New York offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. it was said today Morgan will come to Washington to testify before the probe committee if he is served with a subpoens. Morgan was not in his office.

# WITH ART EXPERTS

Pittsburgher Alleges She Took Four Pictures Which Got Most Question of Raise in Wages May Votes in Popular Referendum Had No Other Award

Miss Lydia Field Emmet, of New York, won the \$200 prize in the popu-Gallipolis, Ohio, the former home of lar referendum of the sixth annual exhibit of the Corcoran Gallery of

ton, painted the picture, entitled "Woman and Child," which received the second highest number of votes.

Tied for Third. Edmund C. Tarbell's "Nell and Eli-

nor," and William M. Paxton's "The uce district and always appeared to House Maid" tied for third place. Only the /winner will receive any

The ballot indicates that the public's taste in art differs widely from the standards of artists and art critics. The popular prize winners in-Several additional agents of the received awards in the regular com-Bureau of Labor Statistics of the De- petition, though three of the popular partment of Labor took the field to favorites were not eligible for the William A. Clark prizes or the Cor-

coran medals. Outstanding Facts. Here are some of the outstanding facts about the way the public voted ever held by the Corcoran Gallery: All four of the pictures mentioned

are portraits. ,
The highest number and the next for women artists.

Children in Leading Pictures. Children appear in the two leading pictures, women in three of the four

pictures. The appeal of child portraiture, and the preference of the layman art observer for portraiture to "still life" is exemplified in the referendum. More than 6,000 votes were cast, and these were most widely scattered, 277 of the 411 pictures in the exhibition receiving one or more votes.

The winning picture had a strong lead on the next one. The second was well ahead of those that tied for third

May Be Annual Event.

So pleased are the officials of the Corcoran Gallery with the unusually

## SENATE TAKES UP CLERKS' INCREASE

Be Disposed Of By Tonight.

Senator Overman, acting chairman for the Senate Appropriations Committee, called up the legislative, executive, and judicial bill in the Senate this afternoon. This bill is the one which involves the question of army of Government clerks and em-

ployes.

The Senate will be occupied on the bill much of the afternoon and may dispose of the question of whether to allow more pay to the Federal em-

ployes, before night.

The Senate is closely divided over the issue of whether to increase or not to increase the Government employes' pay and an interesting struggle will develop before the proposi-

Will Lead Movement. Senator Smoot of Utah, who in the Appropriations Committee yesterday, clude none of the four pictures which urged that the lower paid employes be granted increases, will lead the movement on the floor for higher pay. Most of the Senate Democrats stand by the committee. But small group of them should turn against the committee, there would be a good chance for the employes

to get their pay raised. When the bill was taken up, committee amendments were adopted without discussion until that amendment was reached which provides that the clerks to House members shall be put on the rolls.

Senate Action Final.

The outcome in the Senate in connection with the legislative bill will come as to pay increases which might be carried in the District bill and other supply bills.

Officials of the Federal Employes' Union have been active since the action of the Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday trying to muster voters in favor of more pay. They admitted having received a setback but denied the cause was hopeless and said they would keep on working.

#### RUSS SUB SINKS TWO SHIPS Foe's Vessels Destroyed Near Bosphorus, Petrograd Reports.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 16.-Sinking of wo enemy ships near the Bosphorus by a Russian submarine was announcin today's official statement.

KILLS RANDALL AMENDMENT. The House today, on a point of order, killed the Randall aemndment the postoffice appropriation bill, mails for liquor advertising.

Investigation of Lawson Charges Reaches Vitals of Financial World-Bernstorff's Name Again Mentioned

DOES NOT MEAN ANY DISRESPECT Tells Committee That He Insists on Being Treated With Same Respect As That

He was ordered subpoensed today, along with his partner, H. P. Davison; President F. A. Vanderlip, of the National City Bank, and other big men who pull the financial strings of this

is some sinister connection between the Washington Government and the Wall Street centers.

Orders to summon them came in Chairman Henry, at which, Lawson the midst of new and giaring testiclaims, Henry named a Cabinet memmony from Thomas W. Lawson, Bosber as concerned in the leak situation financiar.

During the forenoon, Lawson in an impassioned speech charged that either he or Chairman Henry had committed perjury—and that he, Lawson, had told the truth. Otherwise he would be fit only for a prison cell. he would be he declared.

One Or Other Perjurer. ' His statement referred to Chairman Henry's denial of the Lawson charge that Henry had named a Cabinet member as involved in the leak nit-

wation.

"One or the other of us has committed perjury—deliberate, rank perjury. Unless your chairman said these things, I'm a tank perjurer, unlike to be anywhere than outside the bars of a prison. I say that if, word for word, the things I have told are not exact, then I ought to be nowhere outside of prison."

Lawson's outburst came after he

had faced intermittent objections to his line of testimony. He demanded that he be heard fully. Chairman Henry sat with lips tight is this challenge sounded.

Lawson reiterated that Henry had tion.

But Congressman Garrett interrupted again—this time with a formal objection.

mentioned to him the names of Secretary of State Lansing, German Ambassador von Bernstorff, and Bernard agreed to change his queries. Baruch, New York stock spectulator.

He recounted that he had told Henry that by checking up the New York stock list, the committee could reveal "these smug hypocrites who used their official positions to make At times Lawson wrangled with

the committee. During the morning the committee was informed that Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti, a star witservers who hunted for her all night According to the report made to the chairman of the Rules Committee by a deputy sergeant at arms he was unable to find Mrs. Visconti at her apartments last night, nor has she been located up to this time.

When inquiry was made at the Alston apartment house this morning

if Mrs. Visconti was at home a negs tive reply was given. The informer also said that she had not been at home duinry the night.
"Is she out of the city?" the person at the Alston apartment house,
1721 Twenty-first street northwest.

"I think not," was the only reply. Mrs. Viscinti, first woman wit-ness desired for the leak investigation, was declared by Lawson to have told him recently that a newspaper man at the White House was a go between for Secretary Tumulty and

others in speculation matters. Amplifies Charges.

Lawson repeated andamplified many of his charges of yesterday. Incidentally he indicated that Wall -particularly on the Mexican situ-

ation, and later on the war. Lawson Reiterates Charges.

be looked on as indicating the out- January 2 with Chairman Henry, and blown off. Congress and the world

The financier also reiterated his statement that he called upon men in New York and told them of Mr. Hen-Bernstorff was so mixed up in this ry's desire to check the investigation (leak situation) that he made over because of its possible serious effects in that it involved officials of Guns of Press on Him.

Husky dowagers, dainty debutantes. and men of affairs mingled in the rowd at today's session, of the note

The fans were early at the gate, and it looked like a world's series when the magnificent hearing room in the House office building was opened. Seats were at a premium, so some of the curious draped themselves over the edge of the committee platform, while others argued with burly coppers in an effort to get a "close up."

Why He Saw Publishers, Lawson was called upon to tell what he had told publishers in New

He Accorded to Them.

J. P. Morgan, the world's biggest banker, must tell the House note leak committee what, if anything, he knows about enormous profits gleaned from a leak on President Wilson's recent note to belligerents.

Calling of these big business men means that the committee now is launched upon a probe that will reach into the very vitals of American finance, to discover if possible whether there

LAWSON MAKES IMPASSIONED SPEECH.

ber as concerned in the leak situation.
"I consulted them with a view to
seeing whether I should go further
with the case or drop it," said Lawson. "And I gave them a minute reproduction of everything that happened from the minute I went in to
see Henry until I left."

Garrett held it to be unessential
what Lawson had told after the conference.

ference.

"Well, I'm willing to admit that he told Mr. Cosgrave of The World, and a thousand others about the alleged conversation, even though he has said it was in confidence." Chairman Henry interupted.

Tells of Conference. Dawson was allowed to proceed. recounted meeting John O'Hara Cosgrave, Sunday editor of The World:

and Donald McDonald, Boston financial writer and telling them the alleged conversation with enry.

Erman J. Ridgeway, of Everybody's,

Congressman Campbell, questioner Lawson charged that he and Henry had agreed upon a statement to be given out by Henry after their con-ference, but that Henry had presented only his own side of the session when

he did announce the statement. Lawson added that he had suggested

to Henry that the committee delve into matters in the street, running back several years. To this, Henry replied, according to Lawson, that he would be "with Law-son" in such a move if the witness

had the facts. Democratis members kept inter rupting Lawson's testimony. Lawson flared up.

"I want two hours to tell what I know," he said, "otherwise I'm done. I don't propose to sit here and hear the committee wrangle about the admissibility of my evidence," he said.

Heary Demands Respect. "You must have respect for the committee," interposed Henry.

"Good heavens," ejaculated Law-

son, deristvely. "You must have respect," snapped Henry. "All right; go ahead," Lawson retorted.

"Please don't take me to task rain," Lawson proceeded, "and again," Lawson proceeded, "and please let me be earnest at earnest moments. I do have respect for this committee and the chairman and I say that honestly—despite the contra-diction and denial of your chairman.

Here is the opportunity of a lifetime for a full investigation."

Lawson then proceeded to relate Street long had benefited from leaks further what happened in the Henry conference.

Told to Inspect Stock Records.

"I told him to get the stock record Beginning his testimony under and go through the whole list," Lawcross-examination today, Mr. Lawson son continued. "And I said to him reiterated his charge that names had that before you get one-third of the been mentioned at his conference on way down the list, the lid will be he challenged the statement of Mr. will see who made these millions, Henry given to the press at that time who were these smug hypocrites who that nothing had developed at the used their official positions to make millions for themselves."

Guns of Press on Him.

"I stand by this, and I know the guns are on me. I stand by what I have said," Lawson continued. "The other witnesses will-or should-bear out just what I've told you."

"The guns are not on you," Con-

gressman Pou interrupted "I don't mean the committee has its guns on me, I mean the press has its guns on me," said Lawson amid laughter. Lawson and Henry agreed, accord-

ing to the witness, that Lawson need not reveal information he might have what he had told publishers in New Then Mr. Henry told me. We have York following the conference with it that Mr. Baruch, who made large